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and prostate trouble, diabetes, the 'shakes', all respond to acupuncture--back pain, stroke, arthritis, constipation, drug abuse, neuralgia and neuritis; palpitations, sweaty palms, embarrassing overbite, fallen arches, corns and bunions, puffy cellulite, carpal tunnel, ringing ears, box elder bugs, grey mares; neck pain, goiters, kidney stones and even falling hairs--hundreds upon hundreds more of ailments are erased, when the acupuncture needles have been rightly placed. There are twelve 'meridians' (sometimes that number grows), they are lines along which some mysterious energy flows. Acupuncture doth engender health-producing synergy--this mysterious, mystic force is known as 'yin/yang energy'. Energy from sunspots does, unquestionably, play a part, regulating and controlling rhythms of the heart." Some of this y'all going to have to realize is said by way of satire. Don't be praying to the sun and sunspots and think it's going to help you. I just thought I'd throw that in. That was an aside. Back to the rhyme. "Acupuncture needles draw upon those sunspots' powers, and are 'specially potent during times of meteor showers. Great sway over health is held by earth's magnetic field, acupuncture 'taps in' and, thus, cures the mentally ill. Nearly everyone doth know the moon affects the tide, and doth know that pathogens in water often hide; also known--the body's more than seventy-five percent water, and it holds the pathogens like ink is held by blotter. Such facts being past dispute and scientifically true, one may understand how acupuncture cures the flu. When the moon is full and makes the tide to come and go, also it doth make the body's fluids ebb and flow. Skillful acupuncturists do know precisely when to insert their needles so that every pathogen--when the lunar pull is strongest--joins to leucocytes, which snuff out the pathogens, extinguishing their lights. In the ancient days when acupuncture had just started, surreptitiously, 'twas practiced on the 'dear departed'. 'Pressure points', 'meridians' and 'zones' and similar things had to first be mapped and charted on dead human beings. No one would consent to be a cushion for the pins of the acupuncturists, until the outs and ins, had been 'simmered' (so to speak) like gravy or a roux, so that 'Needlers' knew exactly what their needles would do. Eventually, acupuncturists cured every known disease; filling idle time, they conquered hiccup, cough and sneeze. Having no more patients, acupuncturists,